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ANNUAL MEETING REPORT

In the colonial white sanctuary of the First Church, Berkeley, under chaste beaded chandeliers—a fitting atmosphere for the descendants of the Mayflower—the Northern California Congregational Conference held its 91st annual meeting for three days in October. Delegates filed out of the arched doorways of Pilgrim Hall after the inspiring closing address by Dr. Albert Buckner Coe on Sunday evening, October 19, saying to themselves: "I must carry the inspiration of this Conference back to my own church."

Rev. G. Arthur Casaday set a high quality for the meetings with his opening Service of Worship on Friday, and sustained the level of reverence and beauty in three subsequent services. Rev. Stephen C. Peabody was a moderator of distinction from start to finish, handling the business and introductions with alacrity, precision, and originality. Rev. Ray Gibbons gave the opening address on "Our Challenge and Response" saying: "We are asked to rise up and follow Jesus in a world of strife, prejudice, repressions, and atomic power." He gave the answer in terms of social action by urging us to work for "One World" by supporting the United Nations, the Marshall Plan, and maintaining friendly relations with Russia.

The "Cavalcade of Congregationalism" on the opening day was a two-hour parade of short presentations of our Conference at work presided over by staff members Meyer, Buckham, and Gill. Numerous laymen, ministers, and young people had a part in this rapidly moving panorama of our churches at work. At the dinner tables on Friday evening, Mr. Lloyd L. Lorbeer drew the widening circles of Christian service in India, and brought everyone in the room into larger horizons of understanding and sympathy for missions. Adjourning to the sanctuary, Superintendent Harley H. Gill gave his splendid address, anticipated with pleasure every year, on the progress of the Conference. He said in his introduction: "The glory of our success belongs to God." He emphasized forward steps made during the year in new buildings, completion of the Unit Plan, young people's work, and pastoral leadership.

Saturday morning started with a well-attended session on the question of the merger with the Evangelical and Reformed Churches. Dr. Hugh Vernon White gave an address in which he pointed out that the merger represents "a momentous change in Congregational policy, from local autonomy to a presbyterian form of government." President Ronald Bridges followed with the statement that "Independence is not the quintessence of Congregationalism." He added: "I shall vote 'yes' on the merger. Nothing vital in Congregationalism will be impaired or destroyed." A lively discussion from the floor followed. Seminars, business, the Conference sermon by Rev. Amos R. Boone, group luncheons, and more business completed the afternoon schedule. Superintendent Nelson C. Dreier of Southern California gave the address at the dinner tables followed by a session on "Church Extension" with presentations by Mr. J. B. Marshall of the California Office of Planning and Research, and Rev. Sidney H. Buckham of the Conference staff.

Sunday morning opened with a continuation of the Seminars, and then an inspiring sermon by Dr. Albert Buckner Coe. He stressed the need of a new spirituality which would emphasize "religious literacy and a demand for succor." The afternoon session was devoted to youth work, and was one of the high points of the Conference with speeches, worship, and singing. The evening banquet, with the address by Dr. Coe broadcast over KRE was the perfect "finis" to a grand Conference. His message was a ringing challenge for a renewed effort in giving for relief in Europe and the Orient through the Postwar Emergency Program. Pledges were turned in by many members of the audience, making the last act, as it should be, one of sharing the work of the Kingdom. May there be more annual meetings like this one!

—S. H. B.

CALENDAR OF EVENTS

November 8—Westbay P. F. Rally, Woodside.

November 15—Redwood P.F. Rally, Mill Valley.

November 15—Eastbay P. F. Rally, South Berkeley.

November 16—Upper Bay P. F. Rally, Pittsburg.

November 30—San Joaquin P. F. Rally, Porterville.

December 6—Open House at Pacific School of Religion for all youth interested in Lifetime Christian Service.

December 13—Congregational Student Dinner, First Church, San Francisco.

December 28-31—Pilgrim Fellowship Midwinter Conference, Sacramento.

January 23-28—Mid-Winter Meetings, Grand Rapids, Michigan.

First Over The Top!

(Telegram)

New York, Oct. 10, 1947.

Rev. Nels F. Sanderson
Care of Harley H. Gill
1164 Phelan Bldg.,
San Francisco, Calif.

Northern California is the first conference to reach its ten year unit plan goal. Total receipts as of September 30 were thirty thousand three hundred sixty-eight dollars seventy-three cents. Total receipts as of October 10 are thirty-one thousand four hundred seventy-one dollars twenty-three cents. In the name of the unit plan committee and of the whole denomination I extend deep appreciation and enthusiastic congratulations to a great conference and to you as a great leader.

FRANK J. SCRIBNER

Moderator Palmer Speaks On Merger

"I am strongly in favor of uniting with the Evangelical and Reformed denomination. The proposed "Basis of Union" appeals to me as fair and democratic. It will both preserve and combine the best traditions of both groups. No one denomination has the whole of Christianity in its keeping. We Congregationalists have something to give, and also something to learn. Let us welcome this opportunity to enlarge our household of faith. The things that unite us are the great truths of the gospel—the things that separate us are secondary and capable of reconciliation and adjustment. United, we shall form a much more influential and representative Christian body in American life than either of us can be alone—as strong in Pennsylvania as in New England, strong in the heart of cities like Chicago and St. Louis, and in their suburbs—a truly nation-wide and culturally comprehensive liberal Christian fellowship. God grant that we may all see this and let no minor difference defeat this great forward step in Christian unity."

CHALLENGE FOR NEW WORK

1. Increase in population from 1940 to 1947 over 40% in counties where Congregational churches are located.

		1947
Contra Costa	198.7%	300,000
Solano	133.1%	114,500
San Mateo	70%	190,000
Stanislaus	64.3%	123,000
Monterey	49.2%	109,000
San Joaquin	49%	200,000
Tulare	48.4%	159,000
Marin	47.4%	78,000
Santa Clara	42.9%	250,000
Fresno	42.8%	255,000
Alameda	41.3%	725,000

II. Increase in population from 1940 to 1947 over 30% in counties without Congregational Churches.

Napa	56.8%	44,700
Yuba	55%	26,400
Madera	47.6%	34,400
Sutter	44.5%	27,000
Yolo	34.3%	36,600
Kings	33.6%	47,000

Note: Population estimates published by the State Reconstruction and Reemployment Commission for September 1947.

ANOTHER "MORNING STAR"

On Sunday, July 27, Morning Star VI was christened at Lewis Wharf, Boston, and set sail for the Marshall and Caroline Islands. This little two-masted schooner is a missionary ship sent out for work in the Islands by Congregational Christian Churches. The first Morning Star set sail in 1856. Each of the six schooners has been paid for by church people like you and me. A share in Morning Star VI and its work sells for $1.00. Each share holder receives a certificate of part ownership. Many families have certificates indicating shares in all six missionary schooners.

If you would like a share in our Missionary Ship, just send a dollar or more to the Conference office, marked "Morning Star."

Officers Elected

Moderator: Mr. Pierce Coombes; **Assistant Moderator:** Rev. Eugene V. Haynes; **Registrar:** Rev. Harley H. Gill; **Preacher, 1948:** Rev. Robert W. Inglis; **Alternate Preacher:** Rev. Richard C. Norberg.

Board of Directors: Class of 1949: Mrs. E. B. Kientz; **Class of 1950:** Rev. Robert W. Inglis, Rev. Herbert C. Gans, Mr. George W. Moore, Jr., Mrs. Chester Marliave, Mr. John B. Massen, Mr. C. R. Van Buskirk, Rev. Tom Watt.

Fraternal Delegate to Southern California: Rev. Harley H. Gill. **Committee on Ministerial Standing: Class of 1950:** Rev. Herbert C. Gans, Rev. William C. Besselievre, Rev. Clayton H. Gill. **Representative to Northern California-Western Nevada Council of Churches:** Rev. H. A. Chamakjian, Mrs. R. A. Fuller, Rev. Richard C. Norberg, Rev. Elmo D. Wolfe. **Visitors to Pacific School of Religion:** Rev. Fred R. Morrow, Rev. Herbert Dimock, Rev. Robert L. Carlson. **Representatives to California Temperance Federation:** Rev. Roland G. de Vries, Rev. Jason Noble Pierce.

Report On Church Extension

Plans are under way for the starting of a new Negro Congregational Church in Sacramento. Services of worship will commence in the Manhart Legion Hall at the corner of 34th Street and Second Avenue in November. In a recent canvass of the Negro people in the Oak Park section of Sacramento, where the church will be located, 45 prospective members were signed up with 37 additional families showing interest in the project. There are 84 children in the neighborhood who do not attend any Sunday School.

A canvass of Mira Vista Hillside district of Richmond will be conducted during November under the supervision of Rev. Sidney H. Buckham, Director of Church Extension. This canvass is being made with permission of the Northern California Comity Council.

The Northeast section of the city of Modesto was canvassed last June by a Student Summer Service team, and allocation in that area has been granted to the Congregational Conference by the Comity Commission. Mr. Buckham is studying the district now to determine the best possible location for a church, the hope being that the Church Extension Division of New York and the State Conference will cooperate in beginning a new project there early in 1948.

Rev. Sidney H. Buckham is available for speaking engagements concerning church extension before church groups. He will also appreciate any suggestions about possible locations for new churches, and will be glad to help churches which are considering relocation. His address is 101 Tamalpais Road, Berkeley 8, California.

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Resolutions

WHEREAS, the need for a united Christian witness is imperative, and

WHEREAS, the proposed union is based not upon the "lowest common denominator" of these two great churches, but will embrace the gains of our different traditions, and

WHEREAS, after thorough study our Churches will by April 1, 1948 vote by ballot on the proposed Basis of Union dated 22 January, 1947,

BE IT RESOLVED, that this conference go on record as supporting the proposed Basis of Union dated 22 January, 1947, and that the local churches be urged to give the Basis of Union prayerful study and favorable action. Voe, YES 151—NO 13.

RESOLVED That in the event of the consumation of the union, the Northern California Congregational Conference hereby undertakes to continue the same relations with the United Church of Christ that it now holds with the fellowship of the Congregational - Christian Churches. Vote, Yes 156—No 8.

WHEREAS we deny the validity of the basic assumption upon which the proposed Universal Military Training program rests: namely, that it is necessary for national security, and affirm that no security is possible in the modern world except through universal rejection of faith in reliance upon military power, and

WHEREAS, the other values claimed for Universal Military Training (discipline, health, education, employment, etc.) are highly dubious, or can be achieved by other and more constructive means, and, most important, and

WHEREAS, from the point of view of Christian Faith, the State must not be allowed to assume the right to totalitarian control, to conscript, or order men (whose first loyalty is to God) how they shall spend, invest. or use their lives,

BE IT RESOLVED that we inform the President, the Senators and Representatives from California, and the press, that we are opposed to the passage of legislation providing for Universal Military Training. Vote, YES 112—NO 33.

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RESOLUTIONS CONTINUED

WHEREAS, for many years there has been a mounting indignation on the part of the Church and all morally-minded people in the State of California against the growing menace of mass liquor-licensing, and

WHEREAS, the California Temperance has formed the California Liquor Control Chest to make possible a federated effort to return to the community some control over liquor licensing and to provide a long-range youth education program on alcohol, and

WHEREAS, this effort is already under way to provide a saner and more Christian approach to the great liquor problem, through community Liquor Control by Veto,

BE IT RESOLVED that all possible support be given the California Liquor Control Chest, and that we work, and give and pray for the success of the undertaking so that it will result in final victory for Liquor Control by veto at the polls in November, 1948. Vote, YES 148, NO 5.

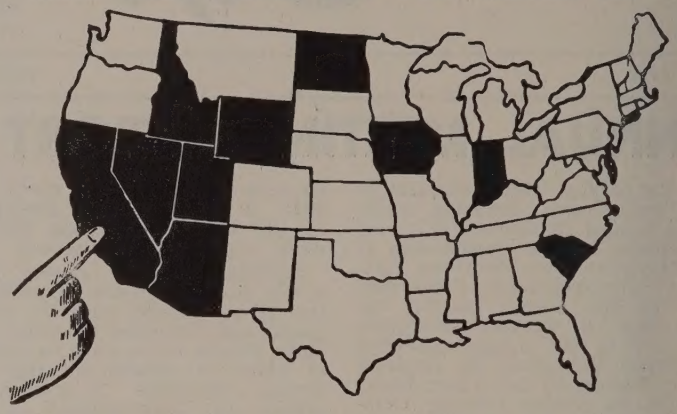
Reaffirming the action of the General Council of Congregational-Christian Churches at Grinnell in 1946, we "support the family sized, owner operated farm" as opposed to the "factory farm." We therefore urge that the Central Valley water development not be taken out from the jurisdiction of the Reclamation Bureau, and that the 160 acreage limitation on water for irrigation not be removed. We direct that copies of this resolution be sent to the chairmen and members of the Senate and House Committees on Public Lands and to Senators and Congressmen from Northern California and Western Nevada. Vote, YES 118—NO 16.

Mindful of the biennium of emphasis on race within the church, voted at the General Council meeting in Grinnell, Iowa, in 1946, we affirm our belief that our own churches should become the unsegregated centers of unsegregated communities, and we direct the attention of our own churches to present practices of racial exclusiveness both in the communities and in the churches of Northern California and Western Nevada. Vote, YES 141—NO 8.

We protest the movement to use tax money for the provision of bus service to take children to parochial schools. This movement or any other which diverts the tax dollar to pay for education in any form which is not completely under public control, we believe to be a violation of the fundamental American principle of the separation of the church and the state. We urge the people of our churches and all concerned in the soundness of public education to resist the diverting of any public money in any form for the advancement of private education. Vote, YES 142—NO 12.

In view of the statesmanlike leadership being given by the Northern California-Western Nevada Council of Churches to united Protestantism in our area—leadership encompassing all phases of our church life from Weekday Religious Education to the planning of new churches under Comity—we commend it to the individual churches of our conference that they may support it by their prayers and their gifts. Vote, YES 144, NO 1.

TAKE CALIFORNIA OFF THE 'BLACK LIST'



California is one of 10 states in the nation without some form of community liquor control legislation. Others on the "black list" are Arizona, Idaho, Indiana, Iowa, Nevada, North Dakota, South Carolina, Utah and Wyoming. You can help to return liquor control to the community in this state by supporting your LCV fund campaign. Give TODAY.

According to available statistics, some 32,000 licenses were issued by the State Board of Equalization during a recent period. Not a single individual city or county government body had the power to review any one of these to decide whether or not the liquor license should be passed. Your dollars are needed to promote a Liquor Control by Veto Initiative which is to be placed on the November, 1948, general election ballot, and to provide a long-range youth education program. Send contributions to Dr. Francis Shunk Downs, Room 307, 83 McAllister St., San Francisco 2, California.

New Churches

At a most unusual, specially called, meeting of the Sacramento Valley Association, held in connection with the State Conference, two churches were received into membership and will hereafter appear in the Congregational Year Book.

Readers of The Pacific will recall the organization of the Eagleville Church last June. By-Laws have been adopted and officers elected. The membership of the church stands at about forty. The Sacramento Valley Association found the procedures thus far taken to be in keeping with the traditions of our fellowship and it was unanimously voted that the church be received. A committee was appointed to conduct a recognition service of the church on November 2.

The Sierra-Arden Church of Sacramento, about which so much has been written, has completed its organization, with a membership of more than one hundred. It, too, was received into Congregational standing. The Sponsoring Commitee set up by the Conference Board will be discharged and all responsibility carried hereafter by the church. A special service of recognition will be held at some date and place later to be determined.

Because of the rapid growth of population in California, and inasmuch as we have a mission as a denomination to do our share in meeting the spiritual needs of the expanding communities of our state, be it resolved: that the Northern California Congregational Conference give its full support to the program of church extension which has been initiated by the Board of Directors of this Conference, and that we call upon our churches to cooperate in every way possible in making this program a success. Vote, YES 136—NO 1.

Pilgrim Fellowship Midwinter Conference

With the Theme, **"Pilgrim Youth: Pillars of Peace,"** young people from all our churches will assemble at Pioneer Church, Sacramento, for their annual Pilgrim Fellowship Midwinter Conference.

Headline speaker is to be Rev. Henry Rust, former national president of Pilgrim Fellowship, who is now secretary for Junior High work. "Rusty" served for two years in England under our Congregational Committee for War Victims and Reconstruction, and will have much to contribute.

As the young people study together the patterns of a Christlike world, there will be discussions following each of the keynote talks. Chapel services, as always, will be led by youth themselves, and are being planned by P. F.'s Personal Action Commission.

Conference details, being planned by committees of youth with the able advice of Rev. Elmo Wolfe, Midwinter Director, include the following items of interest:

Midwinter begins Sunday afternoon, December 28, with supper as first meal; ends Wednesday, the 31st, after breakfast.

All meals will be served in the church.

Delegates will be entertained in homes in Sacramento and Sierra-Arden.

Total cost including registration will be $7.00, blank and fee to be sent in advance to the P. F. Office, 2345 Channing Way, Berkeley 4.

There will be no limitation on delegations, so it's first come, first served.

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MINISTERS AND CHURCHES ON THE JOB

OAKLAND, FIRST. A new public address system has been completed in the social hall, which adds greatly to the enjoyment of all programs. Mrs. Herbert C. Gans, Devotional Life chairman of the Federation, gave an inspiring talk on "Motherhood" at the Devotional Life Service preceding the circle meetings. The Church School is happy to have on its staff Mr. Lester Bowers from the Pacific School of Religion. Eleven members were received on Communion Sunday.

ANTIOCH. Services for World-Wide Communion Sunday were advertised by airplane on Saturday afternoon, October 4. A plane circled Antioch and vicinity with a streamer which read "World-Wide Communion Service—Observed by Millions of Christians Around the World—This is Christian Unity." and "Tomorrow Sunday, 11 o'clock—Antioch—Attend the Church of Your Choice."

HAYWARD. Rev. Richard C. Norberg gave the following sermon topics for the month of October: "The Dream that Hardens into Deed," "Jesus' Most Incredible Teaching—The Second Mile," "What Are You Teaching Your Children?" and "The Cross Versus the Sickle." Dr. Paul Reagor will speak at the November meeting of th Men's Club.

BERKELEY, SOUTH COMMUNITY. President Ronald Bridges spoke at the dinner of the Men's Club recently. Carol Brice is being presented by the church in a concert in the Oakland Auditorium Theatre, December 10. Miss Brice is a graduate of Talladega College. The concert is for the benefit of the church.

SAN FRANCISCO, GRACE UNITED. A financing campaign is being conducted in the parish under the direction of Rev. Mahlon Young, Director of Evangelism for the Northern California-Western Nevada Methodist Churches. Mr. Young has daily conferences for the instruction of those who are working on the drive.

CAMPBELL. Acoustical tile was recently installed in the church, several laymen donating labor for the project. The sanctuary has been repainted, and alterations in the chancel will be completed soon. Nine new members were received into the church in September.

BERKELEY, NORTH. A reception was held for Rev. and Mrs. Eugene V. Haynes, in celebration of the third anniversary of their coming to the church. "Family Night" was held in September at the Garfield Junior High School.

SAN FRANCISCO, FIRST. Dr. Jason Noble Pierce returned to his pulpit October 19, after his recent illness. A teacher training class has been started on Sunday mornings under the leadership of Mrs. James H. Woodruff.

WOODSIDE. The church observed World-Wide Communion Sunday, with a splendid attendance, and four new members have been received into the church bringing the total for the year up to 33. Over $1600 has been collected for the purchase of a new organ.

FERNDALE. Sixty Bibles have been sent to Rev. Robert B. Whitaker's Mission in China, for use in his English Bible classes. A new monthly paper is being mailed to the members entitled, "Church News."

OAKLAND, FRUITVALE. A new Baldwin electronic organ was dedicated in the morning service on November 2. Rev. Ernest M. Fowler, pastor, and Rev. Tom Watt, retired, were in charge of the dedication of the organ, in memory of the services performed for the church by the Rev. and Mrs. James B. Orr during their pastorate. A reception for the new organist and new members received into the church was held following the church service.

OAKLAND, PLYMOUTH. Through a special student scholarship fund given to Plymouth Church each year, it has been posible for the church to have the assistance of one or more students from the Pacific School of Religion. This year, Miss Catherine Cambessedes from France, who has attended one of the reconstructed American Congregational Colleges, is employed as a youth worker.

SAN LORENZO. The foundations for the new chapel are now ready to receive the structure from Camp Parks. The Navy chapel will be moved in sections, beginning this month. Landscaping, Building, Finance, and Campaign committees are now being organized for the launching of the building drive at the end of November.

LODI, FIRST. The Pilgrim Fellowship group of the church sponsored a "Meal For Millions" demonstration dinner on October 3. About 1500 people attended the dinner and program. $688.82 was received at the dinner, and presented to Dr. Albert B. Coe for C. W. V. R. at the closing banquet of the State Conference.

FRESNO, FIRST. The church school attendance is 65 above that of a year ago. The mission study books on "Evangelism" are being studied in all of the women's circles. A new Couple's Club for older young married people has started to meet with 80 members.

CEDARVILLE. A new set of memorial chimes was dedicated on Sunday, September 28. The chimes were presented as a gift from the families, friends and organizations in and near Cedarville as a memorial to nine young men from Surprise Valley lost in World War II.

MARTINEZ. Supt. Harley H. Gill was the speaker at the Church Night dinner on October 14. A special offering for the Postwar Emergency Program was taken on World-Wide Communion Sunday. Dr. Ray Gibbons conducted a social action seminar at the church on October 3.

SAN MATEO. A 20 percent increase in attendance at Church School is reported for the past month. Installation service for the new officers of the Fireside Club was held on October 5, with an address by Rev. Howard Weldon Batty of San Carlos.

OROVILLE. The church observed its 90th anniversary on Friday, October 10, with a special dinner, and on Sunday, October 12, with an appropriate service. Two full pages in the "Oroville Mercury" were devoted to the publicizing of this event.

OAKLAND, JAPANESE. The pastor, Rev. Norio Ozaki, is conducting services in San Mateo for the Issei and Nisei groups. He has also been preaching at the Richmond Housing Project.

SACRAMENTO, PIONEER. The church has engaged the services of Rev. Charles Ide as Minister of Youth. He was formerly assistant at the Ocean Avenue Congregational Church, New York City. Other members of the staff are Miss Josephine Fithian, Minister of Music, who has developed a large junior choir, and Miss Evelyn Williams, director of Religious Education. The Sunday School enrollment is over 400, and nearly 300 on the Cradle Roll.

PORTERVILLE. New Pilgrim Hymnals were dedicated and used for the first time October 26. The church joined in the community "homecoming" celebration on November 9 by observing its 56th anniversary. Members of the 4-H Club were special guests and Rev. Willis L. Goldsmith, pastor, preached on "The earth beareth fruit of herself." Supt. Harley H. Gill was guest preacher recently.

SAN FRANCISCO, PARK PRESIDIO UNITED. A six weeks' study class on "We the Peoples of the United Nations" has been sponsored by the Woman's Society of Christian Service, from October 8 to November 12. Each of the six chapters of the book was reviewed by a different member of the church, and the meetings were held on Wednesday evenings.

SAN CARLOS. $10,000 has been raised toward the new church building. A small prayer chapel seating about 15 people is being planned in the new church as a memorial to Rev. Reed B. Cherington. The first session of an Adult Bible Class was held recently at the Best Creamery. The pastor leads the class.

BERKELEY, FIRST. The 1947 Seminar program began on October 15, and will continue for six weeks. A dinner is served at each meeting, followed by a special address and Seminar groups.

PORT CHICAGO. A $100 bequest was given to the Ladies Aid Society from the Graham estate. It was voted to use this money for improvements in the Primary and Kindergarten departments of the Sunday School.

GUERNEVILLE. The Church School started the fall season with a registration of 102, which is 30 more than last year. Pilgrim Fellowship has been divided into two groups: High School and Junior High School.

NEW PASTOR FOR OCEAN VIEW CHURCH

As a primary step in advancing toward larger horizons of service in the southwest area of San Francisco, the Ocean View Church has called Rev. Joseph E. Bennett (now at Loomis) to become its pastor. Mr. Bennett will begin preaching in his new parish on December 7. The Church Extension Division of New York is making a loan to the Northern California Congregational Conference for the purchase of lots in the Merced Heights district, a half mile west of the present Ocean View property. Eventually the church will build a new structure at Randolph and Ramsell Streets. This will place it strategically to serve a rapidly growing section of San Francisco and will establish Ocean View as a second Congregational stronghold in the 'City by the Golden Gate."

APPORTIONMENT GIVING UP—C.W.V.R. BELOW 1946

	App't Jan. 11 to Oct. 31 1946	App't Jan. 11 to Oct. 31 1947	C.W.V.R. 1947
Adin	28.44	20.75	.....
Alameda	1,262.56	1,400.52	507.55
Alturas	148.06	137.95	148.75
Angels Camp	155.00	190.00	130.95
Antioch	25.38	96.89	45.74
Auburn	168.85	208.95	93.69
Benicia	.....	105.00	78.00
Berkeley			
Arlington	53.62	55.64	148.48
Chinese	10.00	3.22	.....
First	8,134.50	7,704.72	4,382.54
North	645.07	685.85	598.26
Northbrae	.....	454.73	.....
South	497.18	515.69	95.00
Campbell	193.50	200.00	93.50
Cedarville	101.25	101.25	.....
Cloverdale	74.54	61.68	17.36
Cotati	50.00	77.50	45.00
Crockett	71.57	98.23	5.00
Elk Grove	.....	28.13	28.50
Etna	5.89	45.09	.....
Eureka	692.45	649.11	506.12
Fairfax	.....	26.65	.....
Ferndale	343.68	322.75	352.88
Fresno			
First	755.00	715.00	928.60
Free Cross	.....	.....	82.30
Japanese	.....	25.00	.....
Pilgrim	560.00	770.13	250.00
Zion	.....	42.46	.....
Glen Ellen	140.00	90.00	135.00
Grass Valley	25.00	.....	.....
Guerneville	48.58	27.12	.....
Hayward	10.00	150.00	287.65
Kenwood	8.45	64.31	48.75
Likely	.....	15.00	.....
Lodi			
Ebenezer	.....	41.80	576.21
First	3,422.50	2,525.98	1,643.82
Loleta	7.62	.....	.....
Loomis	300.00	192.60	.....
Martinez	877.71	604.07	892.23
Murphys	81.00	122.68	15.00
Niles	50.00	50.00	21.00
Oakland			
First	5,334.40	5,392.97	1,232.75
Fruitvale	56.50	45.00	.....
Japanese	30.00	30.00	3.58
New Pilgrim	101.96	84.74	31.90
Plymouth	1,128.85	1,185.33	1,034.12
Orinda	365.15	617.33	.....
Oroville	614.89	532.57	176.63
Pacific Grove	249.60	239.10	9.90
Palo Alto	1,100.00	1,630.29	860.55
Paradise	400.00	540.25	168.41
Parlier	25.00	10.00	.....
Penngrove	28.40	48.28	.....
Pescadero	.....	45.00	.....
Petaluma	1,011.00	600.00	600.00
Pittsburg	255.66	216.22	.....
Port Chicago	39.94	25.00	.....
Porterville	1,100.00	565.80	895.22
Redwood City	793.19	1,070.81	812.00
Reedley	.....	15.00	.....
Rio Vista	256.40	85.00	15.00
Ripon	239.92	173.69	50.00
Sacramento			
First	1,300.00	1,307.50	1,020.00
Sierra Arden	45.49	113.00	5.00
Salida	60.00	92.81	29.25
San Carlos	275.40	491.50	300.00
San Francisco			
Bethany Mission			
Park	245.06	305.62	88.55
Calvary	.....	30.00	.....
Chinese	20.00	.....	.....
First	1,166.86	464.39	67.50
Ocean View	75.00	160.00	6.38
Park Presidio	193.98	274.88	.....
Sanger	.....	11.04	.....
San Jose	783.52	945.00	272.86
San Leandro	158.26	108.43	100.50
San Mateo	510.73	330.00	437.07
San Rafael	42.55	66.00	.....
Santa Cruz	880.00	797.50	152.50
Santa Rosa	241.46	213.95	62.00
Saratoga	387.56	205.55	.....
Sebastopol	368.52	337.69	64.73
Sonoma	231.50	169.46	74.35
Soquel	101.00	216.57	80.84
Stockton	779.08	899.03	402.25
Suisun	111.54	68.48	33.25
Sunnyvale	75.00	48.33	52.21
Tulare	590.33	440.28	333.85
Weaverville	100.00	162.00	.....
Woodside	11.50	11.50	.....
Reno, Nevada	730.92	790.70	51.42
Miscellaneous	1,260.40	3,438.49	2,993.67
	$42,823.62	$44,278.53	$24,676.12

SANTA CRUZ. On Sunday, October 5, the church celebrated its ninetieth birthday. Leland Mahood, son of the pastor, preached to a congregation of about 600. Historical sketches by Ernest Otto and Lester Wessendorf were read at the Women's Club meeting. During the month the Business and Professional Women's Club and the Grange attended services.

WOMEN'S FEDERATION NEWS

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ECHOES OF STATE CONFERENCE

We will devote our space in this issue to a brief resume of a few of the fine addresses your correspondent had an opportunity to hear at the annual meeting of the Conference in Berkeley, October 17 to 19. It was an exceedingly stimulating three days, with headline speakers discussing matters of major concern. We wish more of our Federation women could have attended to hear the discussion of these rich, timely subjects. What transpired there will, we hope, be brought back to you by your delegates.

At the women's luncheon we were privileged to hear Mr. Lloyd L. Lorbeer, recently returned from India, speak on "Christ enters the homes of India." He told us that the Indian language has no word for "home" and the life of India has none of the fine associations and ideals of family life which we know here in America. The ordinary Hindu home, hampered by poverty, uncleanliness and impaired health, is not conducive to happy family life. Only one out of ten women can read, but we hear that compulsory education is making rapid progress. Children from five to eleven are now required to go to school. India now has several women governors of provinces and an Indian woman has recently been appointed ambassador to Moscow.

What does God mean to the people of a land where there is no such thing as prayer and no spiritual communion in the deeper sense? Courage and strength through prayer is not known to the Indian woman, who, beset by fears and anxieties, bows before an idol. Christ is being brought into the Indian home in several ways, but mainly through the missionaries or "Bible women," who are so well received and wanted in the villages because of the courage, love and the friendliness they have brought.

Christ enters the village home also through the health workers who are attempting to do something about the startling statistics showing that over 48 percent of the population dies before reaching ten years of age. Health clinics and maternity hospitals are being established as rapidly as limited resources will permit. We were shocked to learn that life expectancy in India is 26 years.

Christ is being brought into the Indian home, too, through the language of love. We must share our knowledge and our wealth with those who do not have it. They are eager for something better than they have known and we who have it to give must reach out for their groping hands.

TOTAL PEACE VS. TOTAL DESTRUCTION

Of major significance, concerned as we are over the possibility of another war, were the startling thoughts expressed by Mr. Zenas Potter. Out of his extensive background of experience and national service in Washington, D. C., Mr. Potter came to us to speak at the Conference on the subject, "Total Peace." We were reminded that never in the history of this country have we armed for protection and prevention of war but that it has brought about that very thing—war, as it surely will this time if we follow the road we are now traveling. Mr. Potter tells us that it is a probability, not a fantasy, that complete destruction will be our fate. The path to war means the surrender of all the freedoms for which we are fighting. Must we go down this road which will lead to the bloodiest war of all time? There is a solution, a decision, which would require no international agreement. There is a fork in the road, a turning-off place over which we could reroute ourselves. This is **disarmament,** and the complete dismantling of our military machine including atomic secrets. The huge sums of money thus saved from the cost of war would then be available to bring about reconstruction of Europe and the devastated areas which need it.

Disarmament is the only alternative, Mr. Potter is convinced. Either that or the complete devastation of the great populated areas of our country through atomic warfare. Disarmament could work a revolutionary change in the world over night, ending in good will for all the world! Our chances of being alive and prosperous ten years from today are more probable by following this course than by continuing down the road on which we are now headed.

There is one and one agency only which can bring this about. Our only hope is in our churches, all united in a national bond throughout the United States. Therein lies our only chance of salvation. Mr. Potter is most anxious to reach a great many more thinking people with his message and is available for speaking engagements. Further information on how to contact him may be obtained through Mrs. Ralph Sargent of our Speakers' Bureau.

Too late for inclusion last month was a fine report from Mrs. Archie Finney, president of the San Joaquin Association. Their fall meeting was held at the First Church of Tulare. Mrs. Finney tells us that their aim this year is being directed toward a fuller devotional life and a better understanding of other peoples. Her new address is Box 236, Tipton, California.

On behalf of the women of the Federation we would like to express through this column our sincere appreciation to the women of First church, Berkeley, for the generous and warm hospitality extended during the Conference. Your ladies were lovely and so were the premises. We hope that we behaved well and left things almost as nice as we found them. Which brings to mind a sign we once saw posted for the benefit of visitors in a beautiful park: "Let it not be said, and to your shame, this was a place of beauty until you came." We hope not, and thanks again.

IMPORTANT!

Order your Church School materials NOW for the winter quarter from the PACIFIC BOOK STORE, 1164 Phelan Building, San Francisco 2, before stocks are depleted.

Pilgrim Fellowship

Two hundred PFers came to Berkely October 19 for a rally honoring "Uncle Ollie" Powell, the director of Youth Work for the Congregational Churches. Uncle Ollie, with the aid of Pilgrim Church PF, spoke to the group as though he were speaking to a typical small, noisy P.F. group. The talk was especially enjoyed because it was given in this informal manner and was directed toward PFers individually. He gave ideas for their own local groups and also explained how the Oslo Conference affected us and how other states tied in with us. The N. C. Student Fellowship gave report on its organization and activities, and singing was led by Ford Forsyth and Don Moore (a PFer from San Jose). Many who attended the afternoon rally stayed for the Conference banquet and closing program. Afterwards the group had an informal get-together with Uncle Ollie, singing, talking, and just having fun.

During the month of October workshops were held in each Association. These workshops were planned and put on by Pilgrim Fellowship officers with the main purpose of strengthening local groups. Local groups were able to express their individual problems and tell of their own situations, and receive answers and suggestions applicable to them.

The workshops were organized into discussion groups on Leadership, Porgram Planning, and Worship. A special class was conducted by Wim Meyer for Pilgrim Fellowship advisers. But all was not work; also included in the program were recreation, "Information Please," an area business meeting, and a "Pilgrim Panorama." Each session was closed by a worship service. Not only were the workshops beneficial to local groups but also to the officers who led the discussion. They were able to find out just how PFers felt about PF work and its setup, and what they expected to get out of it. With local groups building up and increasing activities, PF will really be on the job!!

REV. JAMES R. HEWITT

The Rev. James Rowell Hewitt passed away on September 25. He had served Congregational churches in New Hampshire, New York, and Southern California, and was retired in Hayward. He was a member of the Eden Congregational Church of that city.

I, TOO, SHALL LIVE!

To really live is more than breathing, eating, walking, sleeping, making a living, and having a good time.

To live is to make on's self felt. To have the joy of seeing that one counts for good; of knowing that one has brought joy and better living to others.

That is why we give ourselves to the cause of the church. We have found it to be a means—the best means—to those high ends.

But we need not cease to live when the event that we call death intervenes. Through the substance that we cannot take with us, the things that make for the life abundant may go on.

The fellowship of churches with a vision covering a large area and able to adjust its program to changing needs offers a uniquely effective channel whereby one's influence for good may go on down through the years.

The Northern California Congregational Conference is such a medium. Our loyal folk are invited to consider carefully a Bequest or a Conditional Gift.

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COLLEGE YOUTH

Plymouth House, the Congregational Student Center serving the University of California, received 30 new members at a special service on Sunday evening, October 26. The Plymouth House choir, under the direction of Charles Black, sang in the worship service which was conducted by Flossie Bevin. Mildred Antunez, President of Plymouth House, gave the charge to new members. The new members' reception closed with a communion service conducted by Rev. J. Ford Forsyth, Minister to Plymouth House.

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